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Subject: Development at Horsted Keynes

I am writing regarding the proposed external lighting scheme for the 30-dwelling development by Macar Developers at Horsted Keynes, south of St Stephen's Church.

I understand that the proposed lighting was not included in the original planning permission for the site and is now being brought forward as a separate or amended proposal.

As a resident living opposite the site, I would like to raise my objection for the following reasons.

Horsted Keynes currently has no street lighting, a characteristic that is specifically recognised in the Neighbourhood Plan as an important part of the village's rural character and one that residents are keen to preserve. Introducing lighting along Hamsland would be out of keeping with this established character and could set a precedent for further changes that would alter the appearance and atmosphere of the village.

I am also concerned that the proposal may conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan's policies on light pollution. These policies require any development proposing external lighting to demonstrate that it is genuinely necessary for operational or safety reasons, and that light spill beyond the site is eliminated or minimised through appropriate controls. They also require that there should be no adverse impact on nearby residential properties. In my view, sufficient evidence has not yet been provided to demonstrate that these requirements have been met.

This area lies within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and benefits from some of the darkest skies in the South East. National planning policy places great weight on conserving the landscape and scenic beauty of such areas, and I believe this should include protecting the night-time environment from unnecessary illumination.

Finally, I am concerned about the potential impact on neighbouring residents. During warm summer evenings, I often leave my windows and curtains open to allow fresh air into my home, and I would not welcome additional light entering my bedroom from the proposed development.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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